



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on
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Facebook Chat Transcript

Student: Sir, is provisional admission mentioned on my admission letter will effect my chance ? I need to get 3.0 CGPA in first semester as per condition mentioned in admission letter.

U.S. Vice Consul : As long as you have a valid I-20 form, you are eligible to apply for an F1 visa, like any other student.

Student: Sir, in showing financials, supporting documents for Properties. Did we need to carry all agricultural lands, properties documents to Visa interview or only C.A. statement will sufficient ?

U.S. Vice Consul : Praveen, you need to demonstrate to the officer that you can afford to pay for your education and live in the Unites States. It's up to you how you want to do that. Be prepared to show financial evidence that you or your parents who are sponsoring you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses during the period of your intended study. For example, if you or your sponsor is a salaried employee, please bring income tax documents and original bank books and/or statements. If you or your sponsor owns a business, please bring business registration, licenses, etc., and tax documents, as well as original bank books and/or statements. If you plan to fund your finances with loans or through selling property, you need to be able to explain that plan.

Keep in mind, however, that nonimmigrant visa applications are not document-based -- this means that the officer may not ask to see your financial statements.

Student: Sir, I had received my I20 from University but in I20 my middle name is not mentioned. my first name, family name and date of birth are there correctly. now what i need to do ? can i go for SEVIS payment and VISA interview with it ?

U.S. Vice Consul : Done. I trust that answers your question.

Student: Sir,
Does work experience actually count to get a F1 Visa,if the academic percentage is 65 and GRE 298.please reply..

U.S. Vice Consul :Hi Teja, work experience is just one aspect of an applicant's candidacy that an officer may consider. Consular officers evaluate the totality of a student's application, including their academic

preparation for the proposed course of study, their intent to study while in the United States, and their ability to fund their program of study

Student: Sir, I am planning to attend visa interview in June 2nd week if my results for final year B.tech didn't come by that time. Our university won't give provisional certificate also what can I do in that situation

U.S. Vice Consul: Raghav, the only documents you need to apply for an F1 interview are your appointment letter, your original I-20 and your passport. You may bring any additional documentation you feel will help the officer make his or her decision, but s/he may not ask you for it. You have two options: either attend your interview as scheduled, or reschedule for a later time (to reschedule, go to ustraveldocs.com/in).

Student: Respected, I am F1 Student VISA candidate. I had received my I20 from University but in I20 my middle name is not mentioned. My first name, family name and date of birth are there correctly. Now what I need to do? Can I go for SEVIS payment and VISA interview with it?

U.S. Vice Consul: Praveen, we recommend that your name on the I-20 form match your name on your passport, so that you have no problems at the interview or even while traveling to the U.S. You can receive a revised I-20 form from your university.

Student: Hello Sir, I just want to know how much impact a person's Academic background has on his Visa approval chances. And what if a person has a low academic score in his undergraduate studies, but has enough knowledge, skills and ability to pursue a Master's degree; can that person be approved for a Visa?

U.S. Vice Consul: Dear Preetham, academic performance is just one aspect of your application. Consular officers evaluate the totality of a student's application, including their academic preparation for the proposed course of study, their intent to study while in the United States, and their ability to fund their program of study. All visa applications are given every possible consideration consistent with U.S. immigration law. However, there is never a guarantee that any applicant will have their visa approved. Good luck.

Student: Hello, I've received my I20 papers however I came to Dubai-UAE on visit visa and presently staying here with my sister. Can I apply for the F1 visa here in US consulate-Dubai, UAE?

U.S. Vice Consul: Isaq, yes, you can apply for your F1 visa in the UAE. That said, we generally recommend that students apply in the countries where they habitually reside (in your case India), where the officers can better assess your application. Good luck!

Student: Hello Sir I have 21 backlogs and my B.Tech % is 56, I am applying for F1 visa, most of the people who attended for the VI are saying having these many backlogs is a huge setback and you cannot

get a visa, you are just wasting your time by planning for USA. Is this true? If yes, all my hard-work and pain will get ruined. How can I prove the VO that I am a credible student, please do reply me sir I am planning to study in USA from last six to eight months. I am counting on your reply. Thank you.

U.S. Vice Consul : Ram, in order to apply for the F1 visa, you must first gain admission to an educational institution that issues an I-20 form. As for the interview, consular officers evaluate the totality of a student's application, including their academic preparation for the proposed course of study, their intent to study while in the United States, and their ability to fund their program of study. You may apply for an F1, as long as you have a valid I-20 form.

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